

a second conveyor run, spaced from the first conveyor run, and extending along the first conveyor run, the second conveyor run capable of carrying the foodstuff portions from the first conveyor run on a second foodstuff portion side; and

an adjustable cutting device positioned along the second conveyor run at a selected distance from the second conveyor run to cut the foodstuff portions being carried by the second conveyor run to a desired thickness.

B9 concluded 16. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein the second conveyor run defines a first horizontal conveyor run portion located above the first conveyor run and a second diagonal conveyor run portion defining an acute angle with the first conveyor run.

B10 22. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising a third conveyor run located a spaced distance from the first conveyor run to form a gap therebetween, said third conveyor run being located underneath the second conveyor run to carry the trimmed foodstuff portions from the second conveyor run.

In the Abstract:

At page 23, please replace the "Abstract of the Disclosure" section with the following new abstract:

11 A portioning apparatus has a first and second conveyor in close association with a chamber housing. A third perforated belt conveyor is trained on the chamber housing. The chamber housing further has a vacuum portion and a pressure portion. Workpieces are picked up by the vacuum portion from the first conveyor and carried by the third conveyor past a cutter that cuts the workpiece to a desired thickness and then delivers the workpiece to the second conveyor. The workpieces are ejected onto the second conveyor by the pressure section of the chamber housing.